

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~02-0804
FD 844CLASSIFICATION ~~SECRET~~

25X1

COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany

REPORT NO.

TOPIC Soviet Troops in the Potsdam Area

EVALUATION 25X1PLACE OBTAINED

25X1

DATE OF CONTENT November to Mid-December 1949

DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 1 March 1950REFERENCES 25X1PAGES 5 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

RETURN TO CIA LIBRARY

25X1

1. The following observations were made in the Potsdam (N 53°2' 63") area on 22 and 23 November 1949:

a. Kriegsschule (capacity: about 2,500 troops) on Pappelallee and Kirschallee: (1)

Occupied by about 1,500 troops of units of various branches of service. Soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets, including some with motor transport insignia, were observed.

(1) Motor vehicles:

TrucksTrucksPassenger Cars:

25X1

(2) Biplanes, allegedly courier aircraft, were always parked in the kaserne area. Departing biplanes were seen heading north. The aircraft were fueled from tank truck

25X1

b. Adolf Hitler Kaserne (capacity: about 1,500 troops) on Pappelallee and Niedlitzerstrasse: (2)

Occupied by about 1,000 troops of units of various branches of service.

(1) Motor vehicles:

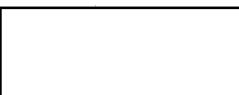
File No. <input type="checkbox"/> 806
Re In Class <input type="checkbox"/>
CLASS: <input type="checkbox"/> CONFIDENTIAL To: <input type="checkbox"/> TS <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> C
Auth: <input type="checkbox"/> 10/10/21
Date: <input type="checkbox"/> 10/10/50
By: <input type="checkbox"/>

This document is hereby ~~referred to~~
CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with the
letter of 16 October 1978 from the
Director of Central Intelligence to the
Archivist of the United States.

Next Review Date: Approved For Release 2004/01/21 : CIA-RDP82-00457R004500740007-8

25X1

25X1



c. Jaeger Kaserne (capacity: about 1,800 troops) on Jaegerallee (3): Occupied by 700 to 800 troops of units of various branches of service.

(1) Motor vehicles:



passenger car
truck
truck

25X1

d. Former military post hospital (used as hospital, also) on Rappelallee (4):

25X1

Ambulances [redacted] were observed there.

e. Artillery Kaserne (capacity: about 2,000 troops) on Nedlitzerstrasse, north of Pfingstberg (5):

(1) Occupied by artillery units of about 1,500 troops. Twelve guns of about 150 mm caliber were in a garage behind the kaserne buildings. Three more guns of the same caliber were towed by prime movers to Bornstedter Feld. Three masts with antennae were in the center of the kaserne area.

25X1

(2) There was little motor vehicle traffic. [redacted]

25X1

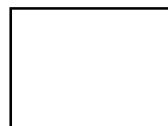


f. Quarters (two kaserne buildings and one garage) opposite the Artillerie Kaserne (6):

Occupied by artillery and signal troops.

25X1

(1) Trucks

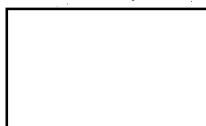


g. Former Ludendorff Kaserne (capacity: about 4,000 troops) on Nedlitzerstrasse and Jungfernsee (7):

Occupied by units of about 2,500 troops, including an artillery unit quartered in the northern kaserne section.

25X1

(1) Trucks



h. A radio station with four antenna masts around a small command building was on the southern perimeter of Bornstedter Feld, between the Nachrichten Kaserne and Adolf Hitler Kaserne.

25X1

SECRET

2. a. On 16 November 1949 it was observed that an AA gun emplacement in the former Red-Cross area had been vacated.

b. About 100 recruits were observed to arrive in Potsdam and march to the former Kavallerie Schule, Krampnitz (A 53/Z 64), on 28 November 1949.

c. On 29 November 1949 it was learned that, in the Garde Ulanen Kaserne on Pappelallee, a unit with red epaulets had been replaced by a signal unit whose personnel wore black epaulets with the wheel-and-lightning insignia.

(1) It was observed in early December 1949 that prisoners wearing civilian clothes were daily brought to a newly established jail in the yard of the Garde Ulanen Kaserne (6).

d. Six caterpillar tractors towing guns of about 180 mm caliber moved from the direction of Niedlitz toward Doeberitz (A 53/Z 65) on 29 November 1949.

e. The following information on kaserne in the Potsdam area was obtained on 7 and 8 December 1949:

(1) Kaserne in Niedlitz (7):

Occupied by about 1,000 troops. Trucks [redacted]

[redacted] and ambulances [redacted]

were observed.

25X1

[redacted]

(2) Former Kavallerie Schule, Krampnitz (8):
Occupied to capacity by about 1,300 troops.

(3) General Meyer Kaserne, Potsdam-Kiche (9):
Occupied by artillery units of 800 to 1,000 men.

(a) The units were said to have recently been reinforced.
Troops were restricted to quarters.

(b) Trucks

25X1

[redacted]

3. The panzer Kaserne in Krampnitz was occupied to capacity on 15 December 1949 (8). About 150 soldiers from the kaserne made a practice attack on the nearby terrain. Instruction officers wore tank insignia.

a. Passenger cars:

25X1

[redacted]

b. No heavy weapons were observed.

25X1

[redacted] comment:

Nine of the 23 kaserne and quartering objects known in the Potsdam area were mentioned in the report.

25X1
SECRET-
4

25X1

The following information on the designation, condition, location and occupation of these kasernes is available:

25X1

- [redacted] a: Reported names of object
- b: Condition of object
- c: Location of object
- d: Occupation by former German units
- e: Present occupation ?.

- (1) a. Kriegsschule
b. Undamaged
c. SW corner of Bornstedter Feld, on Kirschallee, corner of Pappelallee
d. Officer candidate school
e. Headquarters elements of Group of Occupation Forces, Germany (GOFG), about 1,500 men, including many officers.
- (2) a. Adolf Hitler Kaserne or Infanterie Kaserne
b. Undamaged
c. In Schrungen, northern side of Pappelallee
d. 9th Rifle Regt (II Bn and Regt HQ)
e. Headquarters elements of GOFG including quartermaster section.
- (3) a. Jaeger Kaserne or former Polizei Kaserne
b. Undamaged
c. Western side of Jaegerallee
d. 9th Rifle Regt (III Bn)
e. GHQ units, including guard troops.
- (4) a. Garnisonslazarett or Quinenberg Kaserne (?)
b. Undamaged
c. Southern side of Pappelallee and Jaegerallee
d. 23rd Arty Regt (elements) former German Military Post Hospital
e. GOFG, Rear Service unit, including hospital
- (5) a. Neue Artillerie Kaserne or Pfingstberg Kaserne
b. Completely reconstructed
c. Eastern side of Meditzerstrasse, north of Pfingstberg
d. 23rd Arty Regt (one battalion)
e. GOFG, Headquarters elements and 2d Gds 1st Div units.
- (6) a. Former Garde Ulzen Kaserne or Hohenlohe Kaserne
b. Undamaged
c. Southern side of Pappelallee, between Quinenberg and Brandhorstweg
d. 4th Cav Regt and elements of the 23rd Arty Regt
e. Gasoline filling station and Rear Service units of GOFG, including a signal unit and a military prison.

SECRET-
[redacted]

25X1

CONFIDENTIAL

Approved For Release 2004/01/21 : CIA-RDP82-00457R004500740007-8

SECRET

5

25X1

25X1

(7) a. Alte Artillerie Kaserne or
Ludendorff Kaserne or
Jungfernsee Kaserne

b. Undamaged

c. western side of Nedlitzerstrasse, south of Nedlitz
South Bridge

d. 23rd Rty Regt (one battalion)

e. GOFG Rear Service units (including a hospital) and
2d Gas AAA Div units.

(8) a. Kavallerie Schule or
Heeres Reit- und Fahrschule or
Panzerkaserne Kramnitz

b. Undamaged

c. West of Kramnitz

d. Army riding and driving school

e. GHQ units, 16th Gas Tank Div (Cadre) units and pro-
bably 1st Recz Div units.

(9) a. Luftnachrichten Kaserne or
General Wever Kaserne or
Kaserne GOLM

b. ?

c. In Potsdam-Golm, east of the railroad line to Ehren-
pfortenberg

d. German Air Force units

e. Artillery units, [redacted]

25X1

SECRET

25X1

CONFIDENTIAL

Approved For Release 2004/01/21 : CIA-RDP82-00457R004500740007-8